

# By the Queene.

A Proclamation for restraint of transportation of grayne beyonde the seas.



HE Queenes Maestie vnderstanding of the sodayne increase of the p̄ces of grayne, so; the more part vniuersally in the Realme, as it is to be coniec-  
tured partly by the vnseasonablenesse of the late haruest tyme, and partly  
by reason of excessive transporation of grayne out of the Realme, into the  
parties beyonde the seas, whereby ys stay be not speedily made for anye fur-  
ther transporation, there may follow a great dearth, whiche shall hardly be  
borne of a great number of her good louing subiects: doth therfore straight-  
ly charge and commaunde all maner her subiectes, and other inhabitauntes  
within this Realme, to forbeare from the day of the publication hereof,  
from the shypynge or ladynge into any vessell, any manner of grayne, to the intent the same shoulde be di-  
rectly or indirectly caryed and transported into any partes beyonde the seas, vpon payne of imprison-  
ment, and other further punishments, due by the lawes of the Realme. And ys any officers, in anye porre  
Cownes, as Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, or such lyke, shall eyther themselves offend herein, or  
shall not doe theye endeuour to stay any such transporation, or ys they cannot conueniently stay the same,  
shall not make due and speedye insourmation thereof to her Maestie, her priuie counsell, or to the principal  
officers of her Exchequer, then they, besides the former punishments, to forseyte theye offices. And consy-  
derynge it cannot be well auoyded, but that some quanticie of grayne is to be caryed from one porre to ano-  
ther porre, to serue the necessarie of some other part of the Realme: in such case, the officers of the portes shal  
diligently see, that good sureties with bondes be taken of persons being of valure aunswerable for the same,  
to bring due certificates from the portes where the same shall aryue and be vnladen: And that so; more as-  
surance thereof, the officers of the portes, shall thereof make theye certificates into the Exchequer within  
two monethes after the attiuall thereof, vpon payne of forseiture of their offices.

And so; that it is thought, that it shal appeare by the ende of October next, what effect shal follow hereof,  
to the diminution of the excessive p̄ces, her Maestie meaneth that this maner of restraint shall not conti-  
nue by force of this proclamation, but to the ende of the sayd moneth of October nowe folowing.

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God sauе the Queene.

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